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## Cooperative Program Objective Issue

### Just What Is The Cooperative Program?

While our people are becoming more and more enlightened as to what the Cooperative Program is, this question does still arise and an answer should be easy.

Just what is the Cooperative Program? The Cooperative Program, in its truest sense, is simply a Plan, a Plan of missions, a Plan that Mississippi and Southern Baptist have adopted by which we can adequately, systematically and proportionally support all of our mission causes.

When a contribution from a church reaches the Convention Board office in Jackson marked "Cooperative Program" it is divided proportionately among all the causes that Baptist sponsor both state and Southern Baptist Convention-wide.

Meaning that when a person makes a contribution to his church and that church makes a contribution to the Cooperative Program then that person is sharing in every

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### Alaska Crusade Scheduled For October

By DR. C. E. WILBANKS  
Director of Evangelism

Your director of Evangelism will not mail "Mississippi Baptist Evangelism" in September, being without a secretary. Nor will it be mailed in October, due to his absence. He will be directing a simultaneous crusade in Anchorage, Alaska, as your contribution to evangelism in the far north. Dr. C. Y. Dossey will be directing the crusade in Fairbanks, Alaska. Pray for these crusades, October 10-24.

The little bulletin has gone out monthly for nearly two years now. It has been a medium of contact, a bit more personal than we might otherwise have had, and again, a medium of promotion and publicity.

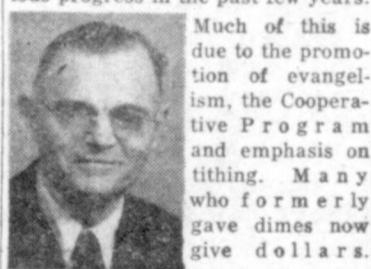
A pastor and his wife stepped in right here, and incidentally expressed appreciation of the bulletin. He added, "You are doing that on a conservative basis, (meaning mimeograph print) which I also appreciate." That is so encouraging, as we strive to save on incidentals, that your mission money might reach farther.



### The Spiritual Significance Of Reaching Our Cooperative Program Goal

By DR. A. L. GOODRICH  
Editor Baptist Record

Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists have made marvelous progress in the past few years.



Much of this is due to the promotion of evangelism, the Cooperative Program and emphasis on tithing. Many who formerly gave dimes now give dollars.

Large numbers who gave quarterly or yearly now give "upon the first day of the week."

From every page of the New Testament almost, from the example of Christ and his apostles, from the depth of the doctrinal teachings, out from the regal commands of Jesus Christ there comes to us the gospel call to do the things included in the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program is not only Scriptural, but the result of following the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Our readers are familiar with the birth of the Cooperative Program in 1925 and our unparalleled progress during the years since that time.

Year by year Mississippi Baptists have grown in number, in grace, and in giving. This year's Cooperative Program goal of \$1,500,000 is the largest in our history. But it is reasonable because:

1. There are more of us.
2. Incomes are higher than ever.
3. More preachers are teaching and preaching stewardship.

4. The needs are greater: more lost people, more fields to cultivate, more calls to answer, more people to train.

The Cooperative Program is Scriptural in its objects. The things to be done with the money the people give are the things our Lord told us to do.

#### Evangelism

The objective of Baptist work is to produce more Baptists. The more money we have for evangelism the more souls we will win, the more Baptists we will have, the more money they will give.

#### Missions

Missions include everything Baptists are commanded to do and everything Baptists are trying to do.

The Bible is a mission Book. The churches we have are mission products. The members we report are mission results.

The Cooperative Program sup-

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### Reaching Our Goal Is Missionary Imperative

\$428,809.72 Necessary In Sept. And Oct.

By DR. CHESTER L. QUARLES  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Mississippi Baptist people, over 400,000 strong, have before them in September and October the greatest opportunity of a life-time to exercise faith, take God at His word and really do something worthy for the tremendous cause of missions.

We believe our people were sincere when they adopted through the State Convention last November the ambitious but worthy goal of \$1,500,000.

Up through Aug. 31 we have made a fine record, one that is excellent when compared with what other states are doing and what we have done.

If we should only maintain through September and October the 13 per cent gain we have made thus far this year we would have a record of which we would not be ashamed.

But our objective of \$1,500,000 calls for something extra—something more than we have ever done before.



May we take this means of challenging Mississippi Baptists to accept this worthy objective of \$1,500,000 as a missionary imperative.

For ten months up through August we have given a total of \$1,071,190.28.

In order to reach our objective we will have to give an average of \$214,404.86 per month for September and October.

There are evidences already, even before Sept. 1, that our churches will take this goal seriously.

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### A Catechism Of Bible Teaching

By DR. JOHN A. BROADUS

#### Lesson IV, Man

1. How did men begin to exist? God created Adam and Eve, and from them are descended all human beings.

2. What sort of character had Adam and Eve when created? Adam and Eve were made in the image of God, and were sinless.

3. Who tempted Eve to sin against God by eating the forbidden fruit? Eve was tempted by the Devil, or Satan, who is chief of the fallen angels, or demons.

4. What was the beginning of

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### THE PICTURE BEFORE US

#### Comparative Cooperative Program Receipts

##### November Through August

Last Year	This Year
\$947,549.34	\$1,071,190.28
Gain to Date .....	\$123,640.94 or 13%
Balance necessary Sept. and Oct. to reach goal .....	\$428,809.72
Balance necessary each month .....	\$214,404.86

# 1953-54 Objective -- \$1,500,000

# HOW THE 1,500,000 OBJECTIVE IS BEING SPENT THIS CONVENTION YEAR

(As Determined By the State Convention in Session Nov. 18, 1953)

## DIVISION ONE

Initial Appropriation—\$173,022.00

Administration, Promotion, Evangelism .....	\$80,792.00
Retirement Plans .....	45,000.00
W.M.U. Administration .....	37,230.00
Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis) .....	10,000.00

The expenses of the promotion of the entire Cooperative Program in Mississippi are by agreement shared equally by the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The items shown above are those shared in Mississippi.

## DIVISION TWO

### Mississippi Causes

55%—\$592,337.90

Christian Education .....	26 1/2 %	\$285,399.17
Mississippi College (34 1/4%) .....	98,462.71	
Blue Mountain College (24 1/2%) .....	69,922.80	
Clarke Memorial College (19 1/4%) .....	55,652.84	
Miss. Woman's College (19 1/4%) .....	55,652.84	
School of Nursing (2%) .....	5,707.98	
State Missions .....	19 %	204,625.85
Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, W.M.U., Student Union, Rural Work, Music, Negro, Chinese and Indian Work, Pastoral and Building Aid, Tracts, Associational Missions, Historical Society, Temperance and several other items.		
Orphanage .....	3 %	32,309.34
Ministerial Education .....	2 1/2 %	26,924.45
Baptist Hospital .....	2 1/2 %	26,924.45
Baptist Foundation .....	1 1/2 %	16,154.67

## DIVISION THREE

### Southern Baptist Convention Causes

45%—\$484,640.10

Foreign Mission Board .....	39.71 %	\$192,450.58
Home Mission Board .....	13.14	63,681.71
Relief & Annuity Board .....	9.05	43,859.93
Southern Seminary .....	6.75	32,713.21
Southwestern Seminary .....	6.75	32,713.21
New Orleans Seminary .....	7.37	35,717.98
Golden Gate Seminary .....	4.39	21,275.70
Southeastern Seminary .....	5.61	27,188.31
Carver School of Missions .....	.66	3,198.62
American Baptist Seminary .....	1.15	5,573.36
Southern Baptist Hospital .....	1.83	8,868.91
Baptist Brotherhood .....	.70	3,392.48
Radio and Television Commission .....	1.57	7,608.85
Public Affairs Commission .....	.17	823.89
Baptist World Alliance .....	.29	1,405.45
Southern Baptist Foundation .....	.17	823.89
Education Commission .....	.25	1,211.60
Historical Commission .....	.27	1,308.53
Christian Life Commission .....	.17	823.89

## DIVISIONS ONE, TWO AND THREE OPERATIVE UP TO \$1,250,000

## DIVISION FOUR

### Capital Needs of State Institutions

\$150,000

Mississippi College .....	20%	\$30,000.00
Clarke Memorial College .....	26 2/3 %	40,000.00
Blue Mountain .....	20%	30,000.00
Mississippi Woman's College .....	13 1/3 %	20,000.00
Mississippi Baptist Hospital .....	20%	30,000.00

## DIVISION FIVE

### Southern Baptist Convention Causes

#### Endowment of Colleges

\$100,000

Southern Baptist Convention Causes .....	66 2/3 %	\$66,666.66
(Same distribution as Division Three)		
Endowment of Colleges .....	33 1/3 %	33,333.33
Mississippi College (35%) .....		\$11,666.66
Blue Mountain College (25%) .....		8,333.33
Clarke Memorial College (20%) .....		6,666.67
Mississippi Woman's College (20%) .....		6,666.67

# Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

CHESTER L. QUARLES, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

JOE ABRAMS, Director of Promotion

**The Associations Meet**

The most significant series of meetings held by Baptists are now beginning. We refer to the Associations.

Without daring to discredit any of our organizations or work, we would at the beginning of another associational season impress upon our readers the importance of our associations. Unless it be the local church, no part of our denominational organization is so packed with potency and power as the associations.

They attract more people than any other meeting. The Southern Baptist Convention boasts of 11,000 messengers and the State Convention rarely registers a thousand. But many associations have 300 and 400 and two to three hundred are not unusual.

If the 72 associations in Mississippi average only 250, the total attendance would be 18,000 or more than the Southern Baptist Convention attendance. The Southern Baptist Convention represents not one state, but 22 state conventions.

The associations are significant because they are closer to the people. In the recent Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis the 11,000 messengers represented 22 states or an average of 500 per state convention, or a little more than one person for three churches. But in the associations almost every church is represented by from one to ten messengers with many others who are not messengers.

In the associations there are no quick-fire maneuvers, no far-too-long reports with no time for thought or deliberation. The people have a chance to think and consider.

The churches are there, the people are there. They have time to present both sides. They can reflect on its effect among their own conditions. And it is hard to stampede an association as we have seen the Southern Baptist Convention stampeded.

The associations also provide for the smaller folk to be heard. It is very, very unusual for any but outstanding leaders to get much to say in the Southern Baptist Convention. But in the associations the youngest pastor, the most backward layman or the preacher with only a small church can be and is heard.

In view of the significance of the associations, may we offer some suggestions that come from 18 years experience of attending associations as a State worker and many more as a pastor.

1. Don't read the suggested reports sent by the various agencies. They are sent for information. Write your own report.

2. Be fair with time. We recall attending one association where twenty minutes were assigned for



DANGER—Mental Poison

Christian literature which included the Baptist Record. The brother in charge took 15 minutes of this time to make a special appeal for the American Bible Society.

3. Don't move "that the nominations close." This is not necessary. When all nominations are in, nature will take its course and they will close with or without a motion.

4. Outsiders should come when their subject is to be discussed. Each fall we note instances where a person comes a day early or a day late or in the afternoon instead of morning. Get a program (a 3c stamp and letter to the moderator will usually get a program) and be present at the proper time.

5. Be fair with all causes. Last fall one association provided 25 minutes for the Brotherhood, 25 minutes for special music and 5 minutes each for Cooperative Program, Home, State and Foreign Missions and 5 for Baptist Record during the morning session.

Another association provided 5 minutes for Cooperative Program; State Work, 15; Evangelism, Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., each 10 minutes; Christian Education 10, and 55 minutes for a representative of one college.

6. Every pastor should try to attend and urge his members to do likewise.

7. Prepare (before the association) the church letter and see that it is completely filled out.

8. Prepare a program well before the association meets. It is still true that "haste makes waste."

9. To the good women: Don't miss the morning service in order to have dinner spread before adjournment. A few more minutes won't hurt and to hear all the morning program will help.

10. Start on time and stay there. If anyone runs over time, call him down. It will teach him a lesson and do your association good.

**As Others Saw It**

(Editor's Note: In order that our readers may get a cross section of Southern Baptist thought concerning

year. If all the agencies of the Southern Convention and the state convention would run ads in the state papers telling the people what the Cooperative Program has done for them and urging the people to give their full support to the Cooperative Program in order that the agencies may expand their ministries, it would do more to boost the Cooperative Program than anything these agencies could do. If the agencies of our Convention, both state and Southern, could forget about designations in church budgets and throw their full support to the Cooperative Program, which is the lifeline of all the agencies of our denomination, it would not only create a more wholesome atmosphere and relationship with in the denomination, but, in the long run, would provide more adequate financial support to all the agencies of the Convention.

**The Challenge**

We challenge every agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and every agency of the state conventions to join in the promotion of the Cooperative Program this fall when the churches are making up their budgets. Use the Baptist state papers in order to reach the greatest number of people. With more than 1,100,000 subscribers you would reach between three and four million Southern Baptists and you would reach the people whom you would want to reach, the people who have the money and the people who must be enlisted, stimulated, and inspired in order to raise the local church budgets to new highs with a corresponding increase in the allocations to the Cooperative Program.

**—BR—****A Silent Sermon**

The following has been told concerning a pastor of a small New England church who missed one of the regular members, who was a very faithful attendant at the church services.

The pastor visited the absentee's home one evening and found him sitting alone in front of an open fire in the grate.

Without a word the pastor took the tongs and put a glowing coal of fire on the hearth.

He then sat silently as he and his friend watched the single coal of fire die out.

The man turned to his pastor and said, "Pastor, that was an excellent sermon."

"I'LL BE THERE NEXT SUNDAY."

**The Baptist Record**

"THE KINGDOM COME"

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## Sparks &amp; Splinters

Rev. J. W. Sturdivant, a Mississippian, pastor of First Church, Golden Acres, Texas, reports a successful revival—72 additions to the church—52 by baptism and 20 by letter. There were five who dedicated their lives to special Christian service and 100 persons promised to take part in family altars or to establish them. Evangelist Freddie Gage did the preaching.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Cornelius De Block, Columbus; Rev. T. R. McKibbens, Laurel; Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale; Joseph W. Oliver, Cleveland; Glenn P. Dismukes, Handsboro; Earl C. Edwards, Tutwiler; C. J. Rushing, Laurel; Rev. B. Dolfis Hardin, Maben; Dewey Merritt, Charleston; A. H. Miller, Newton; C. J. Olander, Tchula; Rev. Ralph V. Walker, Hurley; Rev. Charles Everitt, Merigold; Rev. Foy Rogers, Ponotoc; Lt. Eubanks, Lucedale; Beth Mangum, Jackson; Rev. Darel Makamson, Shubuta; R. Elmer Nielsen, Hattiesburg; Wayne Hughes, Jackson; L. S. Polk, Pacoima, California; W. R. Allen, Walnut Grove; Rev. F. Jeff Eubanks, Lucedale; Davis Gardner, Louin; Steve Gardner, Louin; Jimmie Smith, Magee; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, Seminary; Mrs. Byron Seminary, Rev. Mel C. Craft, Jayess.

Perry Morgan, business manager of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, will retire from active work with Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly December 31. He has served the assembly in some capacity since 1936 and from 1936 to 1946 was assembly manager.

Bethel Church, Grenada Association, was inadvertently listed in Greene County in the Nine-Months record of mission gifts carried recently in the Baptist Record.

Miss Betty Freeman, Mississippian, member of the staff of the Woman's Misionary Union of New Mexico, is the new secretary of the Youth Department of the Kansas Baptist WMU. She has been employed by the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, and by the State Sunday School Department. She is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Rev. Fred Tarpley, pastor of the Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, will be one of the speakers for the Evangelism - Stewardship Conferences in Texas, Sept. 13-17. The team members will meet in Dallas, Sept. 11 for a pre-session. Mr. Tarpley will speak in the Association Rallies in the following places: Greenville, Sherman, Paris, Waxahachie and Mt. Vernon. Editor A. L. Goodrich will supply the Ridgecrest pulpit at both services Sunday, September 12.

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)** — Ralph Douglas, pastor, First Baptist Church, Helena, Ark., has been named associate to B. L. Bridges, general secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He will assume his new duties September 1.

The 1954 Oklahoma Falls Creek Baptist Assembly had a total attendance of 20,146, making it the second largest year in the thirty-seven-year history of the encampment.



DR. R. F. HALFORD

Shown above is Dr. R. F. Halford, pastor of New Prospect Church, Lincoln County, who was the guest evangelist at the revival services conducted at the Central Church, Brookhaven, August 29-September 5. The pastor, Rev. James L. Travis, led the music. The book of I Thessalonians was taught in the morning services. There were 2 additions by baptism, 4 by letter, and 10 rededications.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. M. T. Wilson, Kreole; Rev. Guy A. Little, Smithdale; Rev. James B. Parker, Jackson; Rev. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; R. L. Page, Corinth; Harris Counce, Corinth; Rev. James P. Gilbert, Clara; Frank Hamm, Ripley; Rev. Gene Walley, Ripley; Bill Dunlap, Truett Heavner, Blue Mountain; L. H. Miller, Hazlehurst; T. J. Hearn; Dr. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; Rev. E. D. Estes, Biloxi; Rev. Boyd Lecroy, Ripley; Donald Hopper, Tiplersville; E. G. Dewart, Tiplersville; L. E. Janes, Ripley; Mrs. Carl Dunaway, Anguilla; Glenn Lollar, Columbus.

**SELMA, Tex., Sept. 1**—Burglars broke into Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Catholic) Church Tuesday night and stole 30 cases of beer. The Rev. B. N. Galle, pastor, said the beer was intended for picnics.

Every Baptist, as well as every Catholic, should read PEOPLE'S PADRE. This is the autobiography of one of America's most outstanding Franciscans and his spiritual pilgrimage from priest to citizen. The author is Emmett McLoughlin. He did an outstanding work in social work welfare as a Catholic priest in Phoenix, Arizona. He established a medical center, clinic, youth work, and finally a hospital. The hierarchy charged him with neglect of his priestly duties and ordered him to resign and to leave Phoenix. After agonized soul-searching, he decided that his work in Phoenix was a true reflection of the teachings of Jesus and his resignation as a member of the Catholic priesthood. But get the book and read it. Non-Catholics should read it to get the inside story. Catholics should read it for many of them are not familiar with some of the things that he sets forth. The price is 3.95 and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher, the Beacon Press, Boston, Massachusetts.

Rev. James Denton Watson, William Carey College, was the evangelist for the recent youth revival at Second Church, Leland. J. B. Betts led the singing and Helen Ruth Moran was the pianist. Both are students at Mississippi College. Rev. Willard Fuller is the pastor.

**Manila (RNS)** Roman Catholics in the Philippines were warned by the hierarchy against joining, supporting or using the facilities of the YMCA. The statement was signed by all archbishops, bishops and apostolic administrators in the islands. It described the YMCA as "a religious organization whose history, purpose, principles and control have always been, and still are, Protestant. The YMCA, established in the Philippines in 1898, has a \$1,000,000 plant in downtown Manila with a recreational and fellowship program that has been widely supported by civic leaders.

**THE GREATEST GIFT**, picture stories of Jesus, is a book for all who love the greatest life story of all time. They can be read by young children, and read to the youngest. They will revive in many grown-up memories of the great Gospel events, and confirm in others a sense of wonder and adoration that God so prepared a little child to be the Lord and Saviour of mankind. This Life of Jesus is told in a fascinating manner. This new book (published by Fleming H. Revell, Westwood, New Jersey—\$2.50) features 56 full-color illustrations, each reverently portrayed by Harold Copping, one of the most gifted of all Bible Artists. Supplementing each picture is a story by Mary Miller, who, with years of experience in relating the stories of Jesus to children, has captured the spirit of the illustrations as well as the authentic Biblical narrative. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

**Copiah Pastor's Conference** will resume meetings beginning Monday, September 20. This meeting will be at First Church, Hazlehurst. Rev. M. L. Douglas, pastor at Stronghoope is president.

Today's man in the street has asked: "What is so different about the execution of a Nazarene Jew two thousand years ago? Why should it compel any special attention today? Wherein lies the reason for contemporary reverence of a peasant who was hung in an obscure land so many years past, or for congregating in thousands of churches to offer humble thanksgiving for his sacrifice?" An examination of the Cross, as the Roman Centurion examined it, gives the irrefutable answers. This execution was different because it teaches the Love of Almighty God, because it pictures the human destiny for which all of us are created. Sin put the Son of God on Calvary Cross that day, but His forgiveness, His promise of eternal life, His Love, His approach to suffering, His spiritual thirst, His triumphant life, and His deep, abiding faith have taken Him down.

This is the difference. This is why Christians call Good Friday "Good!"

From **THE MIRACLE OF THE CROSS** by Robert R. Brown (Fleming H. Revell Company).

## Crestwood, Jackson Builds New Educational Annex

Construction has begun on the educational building of the Crestwood Church, Jackson.

The new educational addition will be a three-story structure with a floor space of approximately 10,000 square feet. This addition will provide space for five departments caring for some 450 people in Sunday School and Training Union. An assembly room for an adult department

ment on the first floor can be used as a dining room to provide for 200 people.

The addition is to be completely air-conditioned. The overall cost of the project will be about 100,000 not including the furnishings.

I. E. Boggs, Jr., is chairman of the Building Committee, and Rev. A. B. Pierce is pastor of the Church.

## Baptist Distinctives And World Christian Fellowship

By W. Barry Garrett  
Editor, Arizona Baptist Beacon

Southern Baptists are faced with two facts which must not be ignored. First, Baptist distinctives are Bible fundamentals for the solution of the world's problems. Second, Baptists are a part of the total world community.

The answers to the world's problems are found in the principles proclaimed by Baptists. The lordship of Jesus Christ as the supreme law of life, the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, salvation by grace through faith, the local and democratic nature of a New Testament church, the ordinances as symbols, and the separation of church and state.

Baptists have a staggering responsibility to the world. If the principles they hold are the answers to the world's problems, then they have an inescapable obligation both to God and the world.

If the world is lost, if Communism triumphs, if war encircles the globe, if totalitarianism supplants democracy, those who hold the principles that would save the world will be held accountable.

Baptists are not alone in this world. They are not the only Christians. The magnifying of these distinctives is not an exclusive Baptist duty, although we should carry the banner with a zeal, a spirit, a conviction as if we were the only responsible group.

Four suggestions are made that will help magnify and maintain the distinct Baptist witness and at the same time sustain proper relations with other Christians.

First, Baptists must develop a life among themselves that corresponds to the principles they proclaim.

Baptists can never impress the world if the type of life existing in their own ranks is not stabilized by strong character, sacred consecration and sanctified convictions. Superior principles cannot be effectively propagated by inferior people.

Second, Baptists must stop playing at the job of stewardship and missions.

With our millions of members and our millions of money we could turn this world upside down, if only our people and resources were thoroughly consecrated to the Lord. Baptists have barely scratched the surface when it comes to making maximum use of their human and material resources.

Third, Baptists must take their place in the Christian family. Baptists do their cause harm when they bury their head in the sand as if no one else exists and when they attack other groups in an un-

christian spirit.

We may not agree with other groups, else we would not be Baptists, but we must love other people and we must co-operate with them when common interests are involved and when no compromise in principles is involved.

In our refusal to enter such organizations as the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, or even the National Association of Evangelicals or the International Council of Christian Churches, we must make it clear that we are not enemies of our fellow Christians and that we are not closing the door to inter-communion co-operation in matters of common concern.

Baptists must explain in an intelligent manner our reasons for not "joining" intercommunion groups. At the same time we must be careful not to misrepresent others and not to utter falsehoods about them.

Fourth, Baptists must make maximum use of every means at their disposal to preach their principles and to interpret their implications to the world.

The preached word, effective religious education, the printed page, the voice of radio, and the medium of television must be employed to the fullest.

But most of all, the power and influence of Christians who understand their fundamental principles and who know how to apply them to the world in which they live, are the answers as to how to magnify our Baptist distinctives by a distinct Baptist witness and at the same time maintain proper fellowship with other Christian groups.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

School	Enrol.	Offg.
Mt. Pleasant (Winston)	25	6.99
Ruth	109	6.36
Antioch (Winston)	73	
Smyrna (Copiah)	51	12.15
Enon (Panola)	92	9.00
Mt. Horeb (Lauderdale)	90	
Eucutta (Wayne)	45	6.58
Spring Hill (Pearl River)	48	20.76
New Sight (Lincoln)	100	6.06
Napoleon (Pearl River)	42	
Fellowship (Tippah)	110	
Sumrall	130	61.88
Sturgis	71	8.01
Bluff Springs (Zion)	13	
Monte Vista	36	5.06
Edgeworth	37	
Poplar Flat (Winston)	48	13.21
Gum Branch (Winston)	25	
Shiloh (Winston)	26	3.00
Enon (Winston)	20	5.00
Logtown	96	33.00
Union (Scott)	48	5.34
Leland, Second	112	16.05
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**Just What Is**

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mission cause that Mississippi and Southern Baptist sponsor.

This Convention year, according to percentages adopted by the State Convention, 55 percent of the Distributable Cooperative Program Dollar remains in Mississippi for state causes and the other 45 percent goes on to Southern Baptist Convention Causes.

A large display advertisement on another page of this week's Baptist Record gives a complete picture of how the \$1,500,000 objective is being spent this year.

The Cooperative Program was adopted as a plan of missions in 1925 and has grown in popularity and size because of its effectiveness.

Prior to 1925 Southern Baptists had no effective plan of supporting our mission work. Our various boards, agencies and institutions never knew from one year to the next what they would receive and could not therefore plan or promote an effective program of missions.

Now however they know approximately what they will receive each year, thanks to an equitable plan such as the Cooperative Program.

In Mississippi the percentage by which the distribution is made is determined for the following year by the State Convention which meets annually in November in Jackson.

This percentage plan is worked out after hours of tedious planning, first by the Audit, Budget and Allocations Committee of the State Convention Board, then adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board, then the full Board and finally presented to the Convention for action.

The Cooperative Program as a plan has been successful because it is fair. It provides proportionately for each cause. The percentages are determined as nearly as possible according to need.

The plan is comprehensive to the extent that it provides for a total mission program. Every cause sponsored by Jesus Himself is included in the Plan.

The plan is cooperative because it provides an opportunity for everyone of the approximately 8,000,000 Southern Baptists to share in a great single mission program.

The plan is challenging because it not only shows what we are doing but pictures what we should do and what we could do.

Missions in reality is not missions until it becomes a mission program, including missions, education and benevolences.

Yes, the Cooperative Program is a plan, an effective plan of Missions.

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Rev. Clarence Palmer, Chalybeate, was the evangelist in a recent revival in the Feny Church near Plainview in western Texas. Rev. Jimmy Morris is pastor of the church. Mr. Palmer after the revival visited Glorieta Baptist Assembly in Glorieta, New Mexico.

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## 10 Associations 100% In Cooperative Program Gifts Though August

Ten Associations in the state are now 100 per cent in Cooperative Program giving, in that every church in those associations has made a gift this convention year, according to a statement released by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

These are: Bolivar, George, Greene, Pike, Gulf Coast, Sharkey-Issaquena, Warren, New Choctaw, Panola and Perry.

Seven associations lack only one church of being 100 per cent, these being: Clay, Desoto, Jackson, Le Flore, Sunflower, Grenada and Jasper.

Those lacking only two churches are as follows: Humphries, Jeff Davis, Lebanon, Lincoln, Mississippi, Oktibbeha County, Alcorn, Prentiss, Union and Yazoo.

Those lacking three churches are listed as: Tallahatchie, Itawamba,

Kemper, Lamar, Lawrence, Lowndes, Pearl River, Tishomingo, Chickasaw, Washington, Lauderdale, and Rankin.

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### MURPHY CREEK ORDAINS THREE NEW DEACONS

Murphy Creek Church (Winston) recently ordained three new deacons, Vester Ward, Taylor Eaves, and Henry Miller.

The Ordaining Council consisted of the deacons of the church, the pastor, Rev. H. C. Burns, and two fellow ministers of Winston County Association, Rev. L. W. Yeatman, pastor of Evergreen Church and Rev. Olyn Roberts, pastor of Elliston Ridge Church.

The pastor brought the message.

In a prior deacon's meeting the church adopted the "Rotating System" for the Committee of Deacons.

## AUGUST SBC MISSION GIFTS TOTAL \$895,660

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Mission gifts for the month of August reached \$895,660, bringing the year's total receipts thus far to \$7,415,798, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary treasurer of the Convention's Executive Committee. This is an increase of \$763,805 or 11.48 per cent over last year's figure of \$6,651,993 for the same period.

Southern Baptists gave \$131,374 in designated gifts to Convention-wide causes in August bringing the year's total to \$5,689,058. This is an increase of \$419,325 or 7.96 per cent during the same period of 1953.

Cooperative Program and designated receipts together totaled \$1,027,035, bringing the total for the year thus far to \$13,104,856, an increase of \$1,183,130 or 9.92 per cent.

Texas led the states in Cooperative Program receipts for the

## High Hill (Neshoba) Holds Revival Meeting

Rev. James Richardson, pastor of Calvary Church, West Point, led the High Hill Church (Neshoba Co.) in a revival recently. Rev. George Canzonieri, the pastor, led the singing. There were 12 decisions, 8 professions of faith, 1 dedication and 3 joining by letter.

On Sunday night, August 1, ten people were baptized, two having joined for baptism before the meeting. The effectiveness of the service was increased by the new baptistry picture, a realistic river scene. The picture was recently painted for the church by Nana Clarke, Union.

month with a total of \$225,000, North Carolina was second with \$91,249, and Tennessee third with \$72,449.

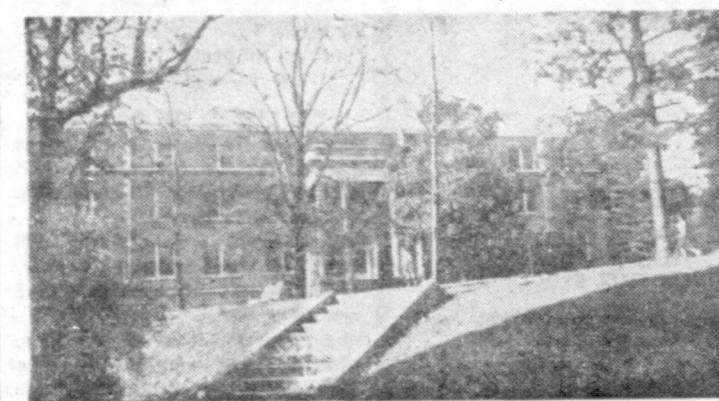
District of Columbia and Oregon-Washington are the only states not showing an increase in gifts when compared with the same period last year.



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### B.M.C. GRADUATE HONORED

The American Association of University Women was honored with one of the highest awards of the German Republic, when the Cross of the Commander of the Order of Merit was presented to President Susan B. Riley. The honor was conferred in recognition of the Association's social and cultural contributions in furthering German-American understanding.

Dr. Riley, a graduate of Blue Mountain College, is one of three women who have received this decoration, a beautifully enameled Maltese cross. The Order of Merit was established to honor achievements in the political, economic, social, and intellectual fields that have served in the reconstruction of Germany. It is a token of distinction for those whose work has contributed to the peaceful rise of the Republic.

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### Clarke Pleads for Cooperative Program Goal

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Due to increased enrolment, low tuition and small fees, and but little income from a very small amount of endowment, Clarke could not possibly carry on without this source of income.

We heartily join the other institutions in appealing to the churches to help go over the top for \$1,500,000.00 (the goal) for the Cooperative Program this year.

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## Hinds Co. Library Council To Meet At Jackson, Calvary

The Hinds County Library Council will meet at Calvary Church, Jackson on September 14, at 7:00 o'clock. The program is planned not only for librarians but should be of special interest to the entire church leadership.

A devotional will be brought by Myrtis Foster of the Baptist Book Store. She will use visual aids, thereby demonstrating how they may be used in the church.

Books to help Sunday School teachers in the preparation of the quarter's lessons, beginning in October, will be discussed by Mrs. Genevieve Day.

Books that will add interest and

enthusiasm to Training Union work will be listed by Carey Littlejohn.

Books that should be on the reading list of every W. M. U. member will be discussed by Mrs. Douglas Davis.

Books that will stimulate interest in Brotherhood work will be the subject of discussion by Edwin Sansing.

Books that will strengthen and improve the work of the many new leaders, as well as those who are already serving their church in any capacity, will be introduced by Mrs. O. M. Jones of the Baptist Book Store.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at Sumrall Church in Lamar County. There was an enrollment of 130, with an offering of \$61.00 to be given to the Cooperative Program. Mrs. T. F. Cooper was the principal.

During the week of the VBS (August 16-25) revival services were conducted at night with the pastor, Rev. T. F. Cooper, as the evangelist. There were five professions of faith.

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### West Heights (Pontotoc) Holds Successful Revival

West Heights Church, Pontotoc Association, has just closed successful revival series.

Allison Bell, layman of Tupelo, was the visiting speaker. Lamoyne Sharpe was in charge of the music.

There were 20 decisions during the week, 7 for baptism. Rev. A. J. Northcut is pastor.

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### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

September 13—Jo Alyne Wesson, Clarke College faculty; Rev. A. G. Smith, Winston-Choctaw Associational Missionary.

September 14—Edwin Von Kanell, Noxubee Associational Training Union Director; State Mission Season of Prayer.

September 15—Rev. E. Y. Clegg, Sharkey-Issaquena Chairman of Evangelism; Mrs. Melton Bush, Jones Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

September 16—Mrs. J. W. Eubanks, District 5 W.M.U. Superintendent; D. L. Johnson, Jeff Davis Associational Brotherhood President.

September 17—Ethel Lee Wood, Baptist Building; Dr. Robert H. Spiro, Jr., Mississippi College faculty.

September 18—William Melvin, BSU President, Clarke College; Jane Brigance, William Carey College, State BSU Music Chairman.

September 19—Dr. H. L. Cockerham, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital; Rev. Herman Milner, Board of Ministerial Education.

## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

### Mother-in-Law Hate

Question:  
I cannot love my mother-in-law. We are both Christians and she is a good woman but I feel guilty because I can't love her.

It seems to be simply a personality clash. She seems to bring out everything bad in me. Outwardly we are nice to each other; we never "exchange words," but the way I feel makes me wonder if I am lacking in Christian grace. What can I do?

### Answer:

Your problem probably goes back at least as far as Cain. Dear Adam never had this problem. And the Devil has marred many an otherwise wholesome Christian by in-law hate.

You are really a bad woman, aren't you? You have evil thoughts, perhaps even murderous thoughts, about another human being, even a relative. My dear, nearly everyone you know has some secret problem like yours. Even good Christians.

Quit trying to love your mother-in-law, in the usual sense. I think that you are trying to like her. Love her in the Christian sense. Accept her as she is. Don't get around her too much, for she is some kind of threat to you. Maintain unbreakable good will toward her.

I'll tell you this. You will not overcome this by simply reproaching yourself. Confess your weakness to God and do all of the nice things you can for your husband's mother. You may still feel the same but you will be more intelligent in your approach to the problem.

Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

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## Interest Mounting In Stewardship Revival As Churches Report Committal

By Rev. Joe Abrams  
Director of Promotion

Interest continues to mount in Stewardship Revival — 1954 as churches increasingly continue to be enlisted and associations continue to plan for rallies.

Reports indicate nearly a dozen associations have already set dates for their rallies with still others making plans.

While one association, Perry, has already announced 100 per cent participation, reports are that several associations have reported "practically 100 per cent participation."

Dr. Levon Moore, Lauderdale chairman, says that association will be nearly 100 per cent and Rev. Glenn Dismukes, Gulf Coast chairman, declares that association will be nearly 100 per cent in participation.

Below is listed another group of enlisted churches not carried previously:

Attala — McAdams, Rev. V. R. Crider; Zama, Rev. V. R. Crider.

Copiah — Spring Hill, Rev. Lynn May; Damascus, Rev. Leonard Irwin; Hazlehurst, Rev. Rowe Holloman.

Covington — Union St., Rev. Leo Mangum.

Gulf Coast — Pass Road, Rev. Thomas Henry.

Jones — Ellisville, Calvary, Rev. L. C. Stewart.

Lamar — Richburg, Rev. Ray Grissett; Bellevue.

Lauderdale — State Boulevard, Rev. W. H. Henderson; Highland, Dr. Levon Moore; Poplar Springs Drive, Rev. Robert Woody; Meridian, Eighth Ave., Rev. Fred Graeser; Meridian, Southside, Rev. Eugene Speed; Meridian, Oakland Heights, Rev. H. C. Bass; Philadelphia, Rev. Carliss Evans; Fellowship, Russell, Rev. R. H. Fitzgerald; Bethany, Center Grove, Rev. N. H. Smith; Key Field, Rev. J. H. Sollie; Midway, Rev. Harvey Pittman; Marion, Rev. Pat Davis, Carmel, Rev. A. H. Miller; Mt. Gilead, Rev. Ed Grayson; Mt. Vernon, Rev. John Cook; New Hope, Rev. D. L. Stennis.

Lebanon — 28th Avenue, Rev. Joseph Small.

Lee — Nettleton, Rev. L. R. Magers; Calvary, Tupelo, Rev. W. L. Day.

Mississippi — Centerville, Rev. E. L. Howell; Gillsburg, Rev. D. L. Evans.

Newton — Rockbranch, Rev. G. E. Jolly; Mt. Nebo, Rev. Harwell; Panola — McIvor, Rev. Joe Monroe; Calvary, Batesville, Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr.

Pearl River — Juniper Grove, Rev. N. F. Greer.

Perry — Union, Rev. E. E. Fairchild.

Scott — Hillsboro, Rev. Paul McDonald.

Simpson — Harrisville, Braxton, Rev. V. W. Malley.

Tippah — Palmer, Rev. Gene Walley.

Warren — First, Vicksburg, Dr. John McCall.

Winston — East Louisville, Rev. Hollis Bryant.

Yazoo — Yazoo City, First, Rev. W. C. Fields.

Zion — Mt. Vernon, Double Springs, Rev. Howard Taylor.

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FORREST V. MCFATRIDGE

Shown above is Forrest McFatridge, a recent graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelor of Music degree, who has, at the request of the deacons and the approval of the church, been acting as supply pastor of the Springfield Church, Scott County, for the past several weeks, while his father, the pastor, Rev. F. V. McFatridge, is undergoing treatment for a throat ailment.

The work at Springfield is progressing, in spite of the pastor's illness. Nine candidates were baptized at the close of the recent revival, with Rev. Taylor Wallace, County Missionary, preaching. Mr. McFatridge expects to be able to resume his pulpit some time during September.

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According to a report from the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the SBC, there are 7,947 Baptists enrolled in 27 colleges in Mississippi. Forty-seven per cent of the total enrollment of 17,077 are Baptists.

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### The Spiritual

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ports our work, which includes home, state, and foreign missions, healings (hospitals), teaching (our schools and seminaries), orphanages, our Negro work which is training hundreds of Negro preachers yearly and which have been pronounced by many as the outstanding Baptist work among Southern Baptists, our associational missionary work.

The Cooperative Program is based on I Corinthians 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let EACH one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

The Cooperative Program is not only a Scriptural plan, BUT it is the best plan that Baptists NOW know for the promotion of God's work.

It promotes the same things that have ever characterized Baptists, but in a more efficient way. We have changed plans in other things. Why not in carrying out God's work?

As a boy I studied my lessons by lamplight. Now I use electricity. The object of both was light, but the latter plan gives more light with less effort.

Let those who would discard the Cooperative Program offer a better plan.

In Mississippi the Cooperative Program supports home, state, and foreign missions; one orphanage; four colleges; six seminaries; three hospitals; various church building programs; and many pastors on weak fields. Those things are the things our Lord told us to do and included in the Cooperative Program is the support of our Negro work which now has 20 centers in Mississippi reaching and teaching more than 1100 persons.

How many schools do the enemies of the Cooperative Program support? How many hospitals? How many foreign missionaries? How many state missionaries? How many home missionaries? How many church buildings are they helping to build? How many church fields have they aided? How many associational missionaries are they supporting?

The Cooperative Program is Scriptural in its objectives, agencies, administration, and its results. Therefore we should back it with our prayers, our efforts, our money.

Finally it gives all of us an opportunity to share in all the efforts of all Southern Baptists every week and everywhere.

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### Joe Canzoneri Preaches In Madden Revival

Madden Church, Leake Co., had Rev. Joe Canzoneri as the visiting preacher in its recent revival, Rev. George Canzoneri, the pastor of the church and son of the evangelist, led the singing. There were five professions of faith and two additions by letter.

Rev. Joe Canzoneri has been pastor of the Lebanon Junction Church, Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, for almost thirteen years. Before moving to Kentucky he was engaged in evangelistic work, preaching and singing. He was also pastor of several churches in Mississippi. He and his family lived on Clinton Blvd., Jackson.

### MONTICELLO SPONSORS YOUTH REVIVAL

Monticello Church sponsored a Youth Revival August 23 — August 29 to climax the youth activities of this summer under the capable direction of David Sansing, a junior at Mississippi College.

The Youth Team serving for the revival were Rev. John Compere of Greenville, a junior at Mississippi College; Tom Larrimore of Clinton, a senior at Mississippi College and minister of music for the Southside Church in Jackson and Chloia Fussell of the Paul Truitt Church, Hinds County.

Mr. Larrimore served as song leader; Miss Fussell was the pianist.

The pastor of the church is Rev. Joe W. Hudson.

Many young people and adults re-dedicated their lives to Christian service. A County-wide Youth Rally on Sunday afternoon was attended by young people from a number of the churches of the Lawrence Association. One member was added to the church by letter during the revival meeting.

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### PRESCOTT, Ariz. (BP) Arizona

Baptists now have their own assembly grounds. The Paradise Valley Ranch, five miles north west of here, has been purchased by the Baptist General Convention of Arizona as the permanent site of Gambrell Memorial Baptist Assembly.

### Reaching Our Goal Is

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Union Church, Clarke County Association, sends in a supplementary Cooperative Program offering of \$166.63, with the notation that their regular percentage check will follow.

We are well able to do it. If enough of our Churches will catch the spirit of this church and do likewise we could make a mighty contribution to missions.

We should realize that we are dealing in missions-local, associational, state, world missions; missions-meaning evangelism, benevolences, Christian education, Kingdom progress!

We should realize that we have God as our partner. We should realize that it is His business and that He will prosper us once we exercise enough faith.

Our opportunity is here-the need is great. Our institutions and colleges are looking to us. Our mission boards are expecting us to come through.

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## THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

# REPRESENTATIVE MIS HOPE WE WILL REACH OUR



By  
E. O. MURRELL  
McComb Layman

#### WHY I HOPE WE REACH OUR GOAL

Having been in my present position here in our Mechanics-State Bank in McComb City since March, 1925, and all that time an active worker in the First Baptist Church, I have seen and lived through some significant history in the life of Mississippi.

The reason, therefore, that I want to see us reach this worthy goal of \$1,500,000.00 this year is the fact that we have been making such outstanding progress in so many other ways.

For example: our farm income has increased 124% since 1942; our mineral output—primarily oil—has increased 622%; motor vehicle registrations have increased 113%; bank deposits 175%—from \$315,000,000 in 1942 to \$865,000,000 in 1953.

Our production of electricity has increased 2,832% since 1942. Our per capita income in 1942 was \$397.00; in 1953 it was \$834.00—an increase of 110%. Our progress in Mississippi in all these areas of business for this period has exceeded both the South and the Nation.

In view of these facts, why shouldn't we reach this goal? Four hundred thousand Baptists tithing on the basis of \$834.00 per capita income would amount to \$33,200,000. The grand total gifts last year to everything was approximately \$12,000,000. On the basis of one in twelve the Cooperative Program would get \$2,750,000.

The final reason is what this would do both for our people and for all the glorious institutions and causes we love here in Mississippi.



By  
REV. SILAS JOHNSON  
Pastor Plantersville Church

#### WHY I HOPE WE REACH OUR GOAL

First, I am commission-minded, and so is my little church. Last year, in the face of a challenging building program, we raised our Cooperative Program quota 25%. This year, new building complete, we hope to raise it another 25%. Our young Sunday school superintendent, a naval officer during World War II, said, "We might retrench on everything else, but not on missions."

Second, I am cooperative-program-minded. My wife calls me Joseph S. (Stewardship) Johnson. It would seem a hopeless task if I stood before the many-sided task of my Lord's last command alone. But others have rallied. I do not stand alone. Efforts are united and organized into maximum effectiveness for the Master.

Third, I am progress-minded. Our budget reflects progress toward the support of our institutions, so vital in the Commission enterprise, through the Cooperative Program. Hence, for Mississippi College, \$11,666.66 for endowment, \$30,000 additional for capital needs; for Blue Mountain, \$8,333.33 for endowment, \$30,000 additional for capital needs; for William Carey, \$6,666.67 for endowment, \$20,000 for capital needs; for Clarke, \$6,666.66 for endowment, \$40,000 additional for capital needs; for Hospital, \$30,000, and to south-wide causes an additional \$66,666.66. These figures depend upon the last \$250,000 of our goal.

Figures like these portend a new epoch in Mississippi Baptist history. We have broken through the sound barrier—the million dollar mark. We have begun to turn mighty power outward. Turned inward, it would destroy us. We are about to catch step with Christ.



By  
MRS. D. R. BOYCE  
Cleveland

#### WHY I HOPE WE REACH

As I give through the Program, I go to our six hospitals to help prepare men and women to become preachers and missionaries to our twenty-nine senior and junior colleges to help give education to the youth of Mississippi; they may be prepared to enter our twenty-six hospitals sick, touch the fevered hand, the ruffled sheet and comfort the distressed; I care for orphans in twenty orphanages and know they are loved and I help care for our aged and their widows; I go with two thousand missionaries to the flung countries of the world to teach, preach, heal and print literature for those who have known Him who came and all that we might be saved.

All this I do as I give, but much, much more. I want to multiply the number of missionaries and to provide them with supplies and equipment, because a billion lost people in the world are our responsibility.

If we, in Mississippi, will give \$600 through the Cooperative Program this year, many increases can be made. That accomplishment will challenge us to larger gifts and we will be blessed. We are a blessing to others and our prayer is that we may reach

# MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

CHESTER L. QUARLES, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

# MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

## W OUR OBJECTIVE \$1,500,000



By  
MRS. D. R. BOWEN  
Cleveland

### WHY I HOPE WE REACH OUR GOAL

As I give through the Cooperative program, I go to our six seminaries to help prepare men and women to become preachers and missionaries; I go to our twenty-nine senior and thirty junior colleges to help give Christian education to the youth of our land, that they may be prepared for service; I enter our twenty-six hospitals, heal the sick, touch the fevered brow, smooth the rumped sheet and calm the distressed; I care for orphans in our twenty orphanages and make them know they are loved and appreciated; help care for our aged ministers and their widows; I go with our almost two thousand missionaries in the far-flung countries of the world, where I teach, preach, heal and provide Bibles and literature for those who have never known Him who came and gave His all that we might be saved.

All this I do as I give, but I want to do much, much more. I want to help multiply these ministries. I especially want to multiply the number of missionaries and to provide them with the needed supplies and equipment, because, there are a billion lost people in the world, and they are our responsibility.

If we, in Mississippi, will give \$1,500,000 through the Cooperative Program this year, many increases in services can be made. That accomplishment will challenge us to larger gifts in the future, and we will be blessed as we are a blessing to others. It is my prayer that we may reach this goal.



By  
Dr. Luther Joe Thompson  
Pastor Calvary Church  
Jackson

### WHY I HOPE WE REACH OUR GOAL

Perhaps there has never been a day when the challenge of cooperative giving has been greater! The need of a world lost in sin, ignorance and suffering—lost from God—is staggering indeed.

All of us realize that no one is capable of curing all the world's ills, even though he be as completely dedicated to God as the Apostle Paul, or William Carey, or Albert Schweizer. However, while no one man can meet the needs of a lost world, there is not a single Christian anywhere whom God has not included in His plan to meet that need.

The Cooperative Program is not you working my way, or me working your way—it is both of us working Christ's way. It is our Southern Baptist method of working together to win a world to Christ. It makes it possible for every member of every church to preach the gospel in all the world.

You asked me why I hope we reach our goal here in Mississippi—I will tell you why:

Because I see the conditions—a lost and dying world.

Because I know the cure—Christ is still the only answer to the needs of mankind.

Because I hear the call—His commission is still "Go ye into all the world."

Because I recognize the cost—every member of every church practicing New Testament stewardship every Lord's Day.

Because I believe in the compensation—lost men saved, churches revitalized and God glorified!



By  
JOHN W. DEAR  
Meridian Layman

### WHY I HOPE WE REACH OUR GOAL

God has been good to Mississippi Baptists. Having heard our prayers, listening to our pleas and promises, finding them worthy, He has granted us far more than we deserve. Much of the program we have attempted for God has been accomplished. Having His blessed assurance that He will be with us in any undertaking in His name, we can reach the goal set for 1953-54.

We as a people ask God to help us organize new churches that more people may be reached for Christ. We ask that we be allowed to build new houses of worship, build and expand our educational facilities, build and improve our home for our homeless children, build, expand and improve our hospitals. We asked God to give us the means whereby we could carry out the great commission. I am sure all will agree God has blessed us in our efforts.

For the past ten years Mississippi Baptist have steadily grown in Christian stewardship. During the year 1942-43 we gave to the Cooperative Program \$269,036.40 and for the year 1952-53 we gave \$1,201,335.51. Almost five times as much. Not one time in the past ten years have we failed to go forward.

Last year a goal of \$1,500,000.00 was set.

With faith in God and putting forth the effort worthy of Christians we will reach the goal. It is very necessary that we do.

It is my hope and prayer the goal will be reached. However it will be necessary for pastors, deacons and our State leaders to put forth every effort to show our people the need and cause them to want to do their best for God. We cannot stand still. It will be either forward or backward. The question is, which way will we go? I am confident it will be forward.

## HOST CONVENTION BOARD

JOE ABRAMS, Director of Promotion

## Mississippi Baptists Annually Give More Of Total Mission Gifts Through The Cooperative Program

Mississippi Baptists have for the past several years been channeling a progressively larger percentage of their total mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

Meaning that each year while gifts to all mission causes have increased that gifts to designated causes have decreased while contributions to the Cooperative Program have increased.

In 1950-51 Mississippi Baptists gave 57 percent of their total mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

In 1951-52 Mississippi Baptists gave 60 percent of their total mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

In 1952-53 Mississippi Baptists gave 65 percent of their total mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

The above study clearly indicates that we are each year looking more to the Cooperative Program as the bulwark of our mission program.

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### Rev. Vernon May To Lead Immanuel Revival

Rev. Vernon May of First Church Tylertown and Rev. James H. Palmer, of Bay View Heights church, Mobile, Alabama, will assist in revival services at Immanuel church, Natchez, September 19-25. Mr. May will be the evangelist for the week's services.

Mr. Palmer will do chalk drawings for each service. Mr. Herman May, church music director, will direct the song services. Rev. Allen C. Johnston is the pastor.

### A Catechism Of

(Continued From Page One)

Eve's sin? The beginning of Eve's sin was that she believed Satan rather than God. Gen. 3:4, 5.

5. What was the first sign that Adam and Eve gave of having fallen into sin? Adam and Eve showed that they had become sinful by trying to hide from God. Gen. 3: 8.

6. What was the next sign? Adam and Eve tried to throw the blame on others. Gen. 3:12,13.

7. How did God punish their wilful disobedience? God condemned Adam and Eve to death, physical, spiritual, and eternal. Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1.

8. How does this affect Adam and Eve's descendants? All human beings are sinful and guilty in God's sight. Rom. 5:12.

9. How does this sinfulness show itself? All human beings actually sin as soon as they are old enough to know right from wrong. Rom. 3:23.

10. Will those who die without having known right from wrong be punished hereafter for the sin of Adam and Eve? Those who die without having known right from wrong are saved in the way God has provided.

11. Can any human beings be saved through their own merits from the guilt and punishment of sin? No; the second Adam, the Son of God, is the only Saviour of sinners. Acts 4:12; Gen. 3:15.

### ADVANCED QUESTIONS

(a) Was man to be idle in the Garden of Eden? No, man was to keep the garden and to have dominion over the animals. Gen. 2:15 and 1:26.

(b) Is work a curse? Work is not a curse, but anxious and wearing toil is a curse and a fruit of sin. Gen. 3:17.

(c) Does the Bible elsewhere speak of Satan as a serpent? Satan is called a serpent in the book of Revelation. Rev. 12:9; 20:2.

(d) What does the New Testament reveal that corresponds to the effect of Adam's sin upon his descendants? The benefits of Christ's salvation for his people correspond to the effect of Adam's sin upon his descendants.

(e) How does the apostle Paul state this parallel? "Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death," so likewise through one man came justification, and through justification, life. Rom. 5:12-19.

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### Strong Hope (Copiah) Holds Revival

During the recent revival at Strong Hope Church in Copiah County, there were 16 additions and three rededications.

Rev. George A. Nichols, pastor at Wesson, was the evangelist. Rev. M. L. Douglas is the pastor.

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Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brazil and a seaport, has ninety-four Baptist churches.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at Fellowship Church in Tippah Association. There was an enrollment of 110, with an average attendance of 92. Mrs. G. W. Garrison was principal. Rev. J. C. Miller is the pastor. The attendance was a record for this church, as well as for rural churches in Tippah County Fellowship Church is a member of the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan.

### MRS. W. W. LAWTON

Ida Deaver (Mrs. W. W., Sr.) Lawton, 85, who served Southern Baptists as a missionary to China for 42 years, died August 28 at Ridgecrest, N. C.

A native of Franklinville, Pa., Mrs. Lawton in 1896 went to China as a missionary teacher in the Methodist Girls' School in Chinkiang. The following year she was married to Wesley Willingham Lawton, a native of South Carolina who was serving as a Southern Baptist missionary in China, and was appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They did pioneer mission work in Chengchow and Kaifeng until their retirement. Mr. Lawton died in 1943.

Mrs. Lawton is survived by five children: Rev. W. W. Lawton, Jr., missionary to the Philippines; Rev. Deaver M. Lawton, missionary to Thailand; Miss Olive A. Lawton, missionary to Formosa; Mrs. Eph Whisenhunt, former missionary to China, now a pastor's wife, Clayton, N. C.; and Mrs. Thomas T. Holloway, wife of a field secretary of the American Bible Society, Dallas, Tex.

### Man Of Distinction

In an effort to be as helpful to the liquor industry as possible in a fair and impartial presentation of "men of distinction," we offer the following incident. The liquor crowd specializes in the bright side and we aid them in presenting the other side.

According to the Jackson Daily News, "a six-day crime spree and drinking bout for a Kansas convict, parolee, and former World War II POW who was accompanied by a sixteen-year-old married woman, came to a halt near Batesville late Wednesday afternoon when he and the woman were nabbed by a Mississippi highway patrolman."

Changes include armed robbery, completion of a five-year prison term in Kansas where he was recently paroled, transporting a stolen car across a state line, stealing autos in Mississippi and in Louisiana.

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Miss Arvine Bell, teacher at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas for the past three years, has been named director of Camp Crestridge for Girls at Ridgecrest.

### Convention Board To Hold Annual Meet Next Week

The principal annual business meeting of the State Convention Board will be held at the Baptist Building on Monday afternoon and Tuesday of next week, it has been revealed by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of the Board.

This meeting will be held prior to the annual meeting of the State Convention this year for the first time, it being the meeting previously held each December after the meeting of the Convention.

This new arrangement is in keeping with a new policy adopted last year and will be a permanent fixture.

The purpose for having the Board meeting prior to the Convention is to give the Convention the opportunity to discuss and adopt its plans, policies and program for the coming year. Previously this has not been possible.

The December Board meeting will be held as usual this year and in the future for matters referred to it by the Convention in its November meeting.

Since most Board members attend the State Convention a pre-Convention session as usual will be held this year on the day preceding the Convention.

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board will meet Monday morning, it has been announced by Rev. J. R. Davis, New Albany, president.

The personnel committee and the audit, budget and allocations committees of the Board met on Aug. 30 and 31, respectively.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil who have been in the States on furlough, have left for their field of service and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 320, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Mr. Cowser is a native of Goodman, Miss.

## WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE

HATTIESBURG, MISS.

We believe in the cooperative Program. We urge all of our churches to mail their gifts in that the goal of \$1,500,000 may be reached this convention year. It's the monthly Cooperative Program check that we receive each month that keeps Christian Education going. It helps supply the needs of all our mission program. We believe that it is God's plan.

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## FOUNDATION FACTS

### What is the Baptist Foundation?

Answer: The Foundation is an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and is a corporation chartered under the laws of our state for the purpose of receiving and administering endowment funds of every sort for all our Mississippi Baptist institutions and causes and for all the institutions and causes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### What are total assets of the Foundation?

Answer: The total value of the assets of the Foundation is approximately \$950,000 and at the present time worth \$74,000 more than original cost to the Foundation.

### How are the funds held by the Foundation invested?

Answer: U.S. bonds, municipal bonds, common stocks, preferred stocks, mortgage loans, mutual funds, and savings and loan certificates.



Dr. Harry Lee Spencer  
Jackson  
Executive Secretary

## FOUNDATION FACTS

### What is the average yield the Foundation receives on the investments?

Answer: Last year the auditor's report showed 4.41% on funds invested by the trustees of the Foundation. The total endowment income of all Mississippi Baptist institutions last year was \$77,659.36, or an average of 3.71% on the total investment. The Foundation's yield would have given our institutions in endowment income \$92,176.36, or \$14,517.00 more endowment income than they received last year.

### How is the operating expense of the Foundation paid?

Answer: By an allocation of 1 1/4% from the distributable funds of the Convention, which means that all of every gift to endowment goes into permanent endowment and that every cent of income is distributed to the institutions and causes to whom the funds belong. Nothing is ever taken out for expense to service to our institutions or to our people.

The Baptist Foundation is solidly behind our Cooperative Program and believes in its purpose.

The Baptist Foundation urges every Mississippi Baptist get behind our efforts to reach our Goal.

# MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

## Reaching Our Goal Will Provide Impetus For Victory In '55 Crusades

By Dr. C. E. Wilbanks  
Director of Evangelism

Reaching the Cooperative Program goal this fall will provide inspiration for victory in simultaneous revivals next spring. In local church work, and in combined church work, as is the Cooperative Program, reaching financial goals always stimulates the spirit of victory.

Let financial goals topple, unreached, and discouragement is quick to show its ugly head. The down-grade is steep from discouragement to discord. Doubt and disarray follow after, with forebodings of degradation to come.

These things are not conducive to soul winning. In Jerusalem, the brethren had to straighten out their financial snare before the gospel went to the Gentiles. Our budgets for all our work must be met through the Cooperative Program in order for church spirits to be at their best for 1955 revival to sweep our territory.

These fires must burn in the spirit of victory, if we are to see "every church revived in '55".

Reaching the high goal of an increase of 25 per cent in Cooperative Program ministries is worthy. It is possible. Not all our members are sharing in "this grace also." Not all who share are tithing.



DR. C. E. WILBANKS

Tithing for these last two months would overshoot the goal. But continuing as usual won't reach it.

January through July average monthly Cooperative Program receipts were \$109,080.94. September and October receipts must average \$214,404.86; twice the monthly rate for preceding months.

Has your church sent nothing "yet"? Hasten your sacrificial offerings.

Have you skipped a few months? Make up bountifully for two

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Jackson, Miss.

We challenge our churches to support the Cooperative Program. We believe that it is God's plan of supporting His mission program. The Baptist Hospital joins our other institutions in appealing to the churches to mail their Cooperative Program checks in that the goal of \$1,500,000 may be reached this convention year.

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

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### ALCOHOL DECLARED MAJOR FACTOR IN BREAKUP OF HOMES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — "Beverage alcohol has been a major factor in the breakup of home and family life over the nation," Dr. A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the SBC, declares in an article in the October issue of Home Life, Southern Baptists' Christian family magazine.

Divorce, low moral and economic standards, juvenile delinquency, and other problems confronting the modern home can be traced to alcohol in an alarming number of cases, Miller writes in his revealing study of "What Liquor Is Doing To The Home."

"No other single problem is responsible for as extensive and complex divorce litigation as that arising out of the consumption of liquor," Miller quotes a Los Angeles judge.

Pointing out that alcohol often produces poverty even in these prosperous times, the Christian Life Commission executive refers to the report of a public health case worker that many non-support cases can be traced to the fact that the man of the family stops on his way home from work to spend his week's wages on liquor.

Eighty-three per cent of the children being received in one Baptist children's home come from homes that have been smashed by alcohol, the article reveals.

"Beverage alcohol is found in two out of three homes in America," Dr. Miller writes. "Christian parents must be the first to throw the bar and the bottle out the back door."

He adds that Christian parents owe it to their children to instill in them the Christian faith, and to show them how to walk soberly in that faith. Parents must inform themselves and their children of the deadliness of "this narcotic drug" and dedicate their homes to total abstinence, the Baptist leader urges.

months. Has your church contributed regularly? Was it ALL you could do? Some people think the church should "tithe" to all missions and benevolence. The Bible nowhere suggests that. Enlarge the "regular" amount, during September and October.

Are you maintaining a bank balance as a policy? Send a worthy portion (or all) of that as a balance for kingdom work. How can we hang on to dollars in a day of disaster?

Victory through the Cooperative Program will contribute to victory in the 1955 simultaneous revivals, because:

First, One victory whets the appetite for another.

Second, "Nothing succeeds like success". To achieve one victory will lead to faith under God, for another.

Third, The value of cooperation is evident.

Fourth, The finances involved will aid directly in 1955 undertakings for revivals.

Fifth, God's promises are for the "liberal soul"; for those who bring the tithe into "the storehouse", and for him who "sows bountifully" to "reap also bountifully."

### Popular Springs Church Ordains Two LIBERTY LICENSES EUGENE RAY



REV. EUGENE RAY

Eugene Ray was licensed to preach the gospel on August 1 by the Liberty Church. He delivered his first sermon. Eugene, son of the late William Ray, was born and reared in the Liberty community, where his mother now lives. He was serving as Training Union director at the time of his surrender to preach. He plans to enroll at Clarke College soon.

There have been eleven other young people at Liberty who have surrendered to full-time Christian work, recently. They have now organized a youth organization with the pastor, Rev. Paul Wilson, as their sponsor.

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Rev. Jimmy Breland, B. S. U. Secretary at Delta State Teachers College in Cleveland, is serving as interim pastor at First Church, Cleveland, until a pastor can be secured.

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The Rev. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Church in St. Louis, Mo., will be the speaker on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, Sept. 12. Dr. Johnson's address is titled "I Want Wings." Katherine N. Carmichael directs the Chancel Choir of the Third Baptist Church.

On Sunday, September 5 the ordination service for Richard Smith and William Lacy was conducted at the Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian.

William Lacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lacy was graduated from Mississippi College in the spring and will also enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall.

The pastor, Rev. Robert Woody was in charge of the service. Rev. Carless Evans presented the Bibles. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Jack Southerland, and the dedicatory prayer was led by Dr. Walter Moore, all of Meridian.

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Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is setting up headquarters in Singapore where he will have easier access to the Orient fields least familiar to him. At the time of his election to the present position he was a missionary to the Philippines and was serving the Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio. His new address is 31 Winchester House, Collyer Quay, Singapore 1, Malay.

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## Cooperative Program Goal Hopes Encouraged By Supplementary Check



Hopes of reaching the Cooperative Program goal of \$1,500,000 for this year were encouraged when a supplementary offering of \$166.63 was received in the Baptist Building recently.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, (left) executive secretary-treasurer, Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion, Mrs. B. B. Pridgen, (left) head bookkeeper and Mrs. Nell Cotton

look approvingly at the check which came from Union Baptist Church in Clarke County.

A notation came with the check saying "our regular percentage check will follow as usual."

Rev. Deb L. Stennis is the pastor.

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Writers' Conference

We combined our vacation with a week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, and attended the Writers' Conference. If we do not write more interesting articles and do them better, it will not be the fault of the fine faculty. The faculty was composed of Professor Floyd Basket, Professor of the Department of Journalism, the University of Colorado; Dr. Albert McClelland, Director of Publications of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Professor Wilfred McCormick, author of short stories and teen-age character-building books, and lecturer on creative writing, University of New Mexico.

Along with our studies on how to do it, we enjoyed cool weather (and often slept under three blankets), fine fellowship, met many new friends, and a lot of old ones.

Everything was out of this world with one exception. It's too far from Jackson, Mississippi to Glorieta, New Mexico. There is a distinct place for Glorieta, but there is also a place for another Glorieta nearer Mississippi.

We did not find ourselves in need of any help from passing motorists, but it was significant that one afternoon while stopping for a few minutes listening to a radio program many cars passed. One stopped and inquired if help was needed. The occupants were Mexicans.

## 49 Negro Women Enrolled In Bible Institute At Holly Springs Church

### Hattiesburg, Lakeview Ordains L. C. Sharp

L. C. Sharp was recently ordained to the full gospel ministry at Lakeview Church, Hattiesburg.

Rev. Wallace Harrell, pastor, was moderator of the ordination council and Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor at Hattiesburg, South Side, was clerk of the council.

Rev. Sam Waggener, pastor of Petal-Harvey Church, was the interrogator. Rev. Van Windham, pastor at 38th Avenue, Hattiesburg, gave the charge; Rev. Oscar Petty, pastor at 19th Avenue, Hattiesburg, presented the Bible.

J. W. Crawley, deacon at Lakeview, led the ordination prayer.

Rev. Herman Merritt, pastor of Central Church, Hattiesburg, brought the ordination message. Mr. and Mrs. George Maddox led the singing. The newly ordained minister led the closing prayer. Other deacons present were: C. B. Wigley, Landis Herring, Tom Herring, Joe A. Griffing, E. E. Griffing, W. A. Brown, Houston Sumrall, H. H. Sumrall, Benton Burt, E. G. Brown, and J. P. Harrell of Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Mr. Sharp will be a student at William Carey College this fall. He is married and the father of two children.

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### Mayersville Adds 14

Rev. J. P. Brewer, pastor of Mt. Moriah Church in Lincoln County was the evangelist for the recent revival at Mayersville Church in Sharkey-Issaquena Association.

The pastor, Rev. Joe Loveland, a Mississippi College student, led the singing.

There were 14 additions to the church.

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Clergymen will be eligible for social security benefits next January 1 for the first time. Participation will be voluntary and also offers coverage to foreign missionaries. Estimates of the number of religious workers made eligible range as high as 250,000.

# Mississippi College

Clinton, Miss.

We heartily join the other institutions in appealing to the churches to help go over the top for \$1,500,000, (the goal) for the Cooperative Program this convention year.

We can think of the Cooperative Program as the arm of God reaching out to a needy world. It is a channel that helps Christian Education. Mississippi College would not be able to carry on their program if it was not for the Cooperative check that we receive each month. We urge our churches to cooperate by sending in their checks these next two months that the goal may be reached.

# Mississippi College

D. M. NELSON, President

Clinton, Miss.



## Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

Bible Texts: Acts 6:1-6; Romans 12:9-16; 13:1-10; I Corinthians 3:4-9.

## I. EQUALITY AND SUBORDINATION.

"All men are created equal". Yes? In what respect? We may say they all have an equal right to live. They all have an equal right to aspire to happiness, though this aspiration may not be expressed without regard to the equal rights of others. It may give one of us happiness to speed down Main Street at the rate of 70 MPH, but that performance would certainly menace the lives of other people, so here the pursuit of happiness of any one of the group must be pursued with reference to the pursuit of happiness by other people. The principle may be stated as, "The right of any individual to the pursuit of happiness is limited by the right to the pursuit of happiness by every other man."

We must take account of other people. We are born into a social world where no man lives a normal life alone, but in the midst of a world of men. God is Himself a social being, not a nomad, dwelling apart in a smug content with the world as it is and having nothing to do with the men He has made in His own image and likeness. He made us for Himself, and we are never happy till we find the crown and completion of our happiness in Him.

But we may also say that no individual man or woman is happy normally while living or even striving to live apart from all others, that can not be done. A question of perennial interest to every one of us, therefore, is, "How can I live in pleasant relationship with my fellows here and now?" A failure rightly to estimate the importance of this question accounts for the sorry condition of the fellowship in certain of our churches, both urban and rural.

This was the problem that troubled the church at Jerusalem in the early days. There arose a feeling that certain of the members of the church were not receiving such attention at the hands of other members of the church as secured the equal rights of all or bound the body of believers into one organism. Certain widows were not being treated in accord with the spirit of equality which must obtain in a body of equals in the sight of the Lord. Hence the appointment of the six, sometimes called deacons, to restore the state of equality which ought to characterize any body of believers in Christ.

But there are social and industrial situations which require an order of subordination of some people to others. The ideal home as pictured in the Bible seems to me to set the husband and father at the head of the household, however large or small it be, with the wife, children, servants, if any, in a subordinate position. I do not know whether a family, any family, could be trusted to run itself, by force of a sort of perpetual motion.

Churches are the same way. You heard a brother say, "No, I don't attend the church up here on the hill. There's a little bunch of people who run that church, and they run it their way". Well, now, as far as I have ever known, have ever read of in tale or history, no church ever ran itself, by virtue of any perpetual motion resident in it. Somebody has to run it, or it does not go. You may say to the critical brother, "I take it from what you have said that you do not run that church". Oh! No! "Do you want to run it?" No, indeed! "Well, now, if you don't run it, and don't want to run it, and just would not run it, why are you critical of those who do run it?" Of course the Lord ought to run the church as supreme authority, but under Him, somebody has to run it. And what is true of the family and the church is true also of the operation of any institution of learning or production or transportation.

Wherever there is a big job to be done, there must be a boss, and the plans of the boss must be carried out. The boss is there because he has demonstrated his ability, perhaps in other fields and other conditions, to manage an institution or factory. Old Elbert Hubbard said years ago, "If you work for a concern and find yourself out of harmony with its management, don't backbite or otherwise try to injure the business. You may make suggestions to the foreman and back your suggestions with reasons, but if your suggestions are not kindly received with favor, you may work under existing conditions or you may quit, but you can not in honesty continue to work and grumble and criticize the existing order."

## II. THE CHARACTER AND CONDUCT OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

It is sincere. No play-acting! But a sincere desire to bring to the fore the best that is in the heart and life of a brother or sister Christian. Let us know that God made no man worthless. I do believe that He made nothing to walk with aimless feet, that He desired that no one life shall be destroyed or cast as rubbish to the void when he has made the pile complete. Oh!

There are wasted lives, beyond doubt; for you can see the wrecks of them all about you, but I do not believe a gracious God wants it that way. He made man as His masterpiece and He loves the work of His hands. Behold and wonder at what He has done to make man truly blessed. And He would have men everywhere desire and strive to develop all the capacities for good that lie latent in their fellows that His great kingdom may the more speedily come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

Notice now the conduct that distinguishes Christian love. It lends assistance to any brother who is trying to work a good deed or a long drawn-out good work for God. Guard the working brother's honor with the words of your lips; laud his efforts with the ardor of your heart, striving to bear him up to higher positions of honor. For the brother's advantage as well as for the Lord's and incidentally for your own, avoid laziness by being diligent with fervency of spirit, in service of the Lord.

Let the hope that you have in

## Ground-Breaking Held For Yazoo-Madison Missionary's Home



## East Booneville Adds 33

A two-weeks revival meeting was recently held at East Booneville Church in which there were 33 additions.

The pastor, Rev. G. E. Guntharp, was the evangelist the first week and Rev. Ollie Bryant, Cary, did the preaching the second week.

Under the leadership of Pastor Guntharp in the last eleven months there have been 146 additions to the church. A Training Union, W. M. U., and Brotherhood have been organized. The church has moved to a new location and a new building is under construction. The educational building will have 25 rooms and the auditorium will

have a seating capacity of about 500. The church is a member of the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Ground breaking exercises were held Sunday afternoon, August 29th in Yazoo City for a new three bedroom brick veneer home for the Superintendent of Missions of Yazoo and Madison Associations. The home will be constructed on a nice large lot on Ridgecrest Street.

This lot, valued at \$2,000, was donated by Owen Cooper. Other generous promises of materials and labor have been made and the two associations expect to build this beautiful home at a cost of about half of the normal contract price.

Rev. Roy Self, present Superintendent of Missions, is shown digging the first shovel of dirt for Herman Dean, Canton, Moderator of the Madison Association who was unavoidably detained. Rev. John Vandercoop, Moderator of the Yazoo Association, is preparing to follow immediately with the second shovel of dirt.

Shown above also are: Rev. Arlis Smith, Rev. Carlos Radford, Dr. W. C. Fields and Rev. Jack Cranford both of Yazoo City. Other pastors present but too late for the picture were Rev. Sollie I. Smith and Rev. R. L. Jordan.

have a seating capacity of about 500.

Correction: Sunday School attendance at Oral Church in Lamar County for August 22 was listed as 54. The correct number was 80.

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## Biloxi Personnel Center Reaches Over 100,000

BY MRS. E. W. ESTES  
Personnel Center Hostess

The Service Personnel Center of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Mississippi, was opened for full time operation on February 1, 1942 and has operated every day since that time. First Baptist Church, Biloxi, is located on the main street leading from Keesler Air Force Base into the business section of the city, three blocks away, and two blocks from the Gulf beach. It is known as The Service Personnel Center, because of its ministry to the thousands of young men and women in Keesler Air Force Base.

The recreation center, on the ground-floor of the church, is kept open from 9:00 a. m. until 9:00 p. m. daily. It is equipped with a library of more than 3000 choice volumes, a daily paper, periodicals and magazines, writing tables, free writing materials, and a typewriter. Table games such as checkers, Chinese checkers, dominoes, pick-up-sticks, puzzles, anagrams, chess, a radio-victrola, piano, shuffleboard, and ping-pong tables are provided. For out-door games—used for picnics and on playground—there are archery sets, horse shoes, badminton, baseball equipment, etc.

Every Saturday night there is a party in the recreation center where Christian fun and fellowship are enjoyed by those who come seeking wholesome entertainment while off the Base.

The Youth Choir, largely composed of young men and women who are connected with Keesler Air Force Base, rehearses on Wednesday following mid-week prayer service and on Sunday afternoon immediately after the snack supper is served. Those young people who go out on mission work from the church each Sunday afternoon and those in the library preparing for Training Union programs, Sunday school work, and for other programs, along with the casual visitors, find the snack supper at 4:00 a welcome item in their lives.

"Singspiration," "Christian Preparatory Institute," Committee Meetings, the prayer room, parties, picnics, candy making, or just a "jam session" in the comfortable chairs afford a wonderful opportunity to know those who are Christians and those who have not accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. A cup of coffee together affords an opportunity to witness for Christ. A lonely, homesick person longs for someone to listen to him tell of his or her loved ones at home, or to hear about his troubles, and it often provides an opportunity to point him to the Great Comforter.

Many testimonies have come as to what the Recreation Center has meant to others. For instance:

"Buster" was passing the church and recreation center one night



REV. H. P. PORTER

Shown above is Rev. H. P. Porter, pastor of Heuck's Retreat Church, Lincoln County, who was the evangelist for the recent revival at Friendship Mission in Pike County.

Rev. H. Gordon Shambarger is the pastor and Rev. Howard Brister, Jr., is the assistant pastor.

All attendance records in both Sunday School and Training Union were broken, with 78 in Sunday School and 58 in Training Union.

and heard that there would be "something to eat." He stopped in to see if he could "get in on it." Buster found a friendly group who made him want to come again. He did return and later found Christ precious to his soul. Today he is pastor of a Baptist Church in California.

"Red" was from a wealthy family. He was worldly and cared little if anything for the church, but he loved music. He was enlisted in the recreational activities and sang in the youth choir. He too, came to know Christ and dedicated his life to full time Christian service. Today "Red" is pastor of a Baptist Church in North Carolina.

"Rex" was a gambler by profession. He was on his way to a carnival on the beach where he was to play a roulette wheel when he heard singing. He felt impelled to enter. The Lord spoke to his heart and "Rex" answered His call. "Rex" told what his plans for the evening had been and what inspiration the singing of hymns brought to his soul as he heard them in passing and after entering the service. The evangelistic message of the pastor, Dr. G. C. Hodge, struck home and "Rex" trusted Christ for salvation and left the show and a life of sin that night.

Well over one hundred thousand have come into the Service Personnel Center. During the years many foreign students have come into the recreation center in addition to men and women from every state in the United States.

Mrs. E. D. Estes, Recreation Center hostess, won six of the Chinese students to Christ while they were stationed at Keesler and attending the recreation center.

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### LATIN AMERICA'S BASIC PROBLEM IS SPIRITUAL DARKNESS; AREAS NEED GOSPEL NOW, SAYS FOREIGN BOARD SECRETARY

"If Latin America's wide-open door to evangelical Christianity is entered there could develop a vast area of fervent Christian work," Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary, said upon returning to Richmond this week after a seven-week tour of Latin American countries.

"If that door is not entered it will become closed and it is entirely possible that the appeals of Communism may grip the minds of the people," he said. "We believe in a good neighbor policy toward Latin America. If we would be good neighbors we must share Christ with our friends from the Rio Grande to the Antarctic Circle."

Beginning with the All Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., Dr. Cauthen visited every country in Latin America where Southern Baptists have work with the exception of Jamaica and the Bahamas where he will go later. He visited Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, and Guatemala, attending the annual Mission meetings in most of these countries and counseling with the missionaries individually and in groups.

(The term "Mission" is applied to the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries within an area. Brazil, for example, is divided into three Missions. The Mission is the agency through which the Foreign Mission Board functions on the field and through which the missionaries conduct a co-operative program of work.)

Dr. Cauthen was to have attended the annual meeting of the Guatemala-Honduras Mission following his visit to Mexico. Due to the revolution within Guatemala at that time, his plane could not land in Guatemala City on June 18. Had he landed that day he would have been there until July 5 when planes were again permitted to leave the country. He completed the rest of the trip and returned to Guatemala where he counseled with the four missionary couples now serving in Honduras and Guatemala.

Dr. Cauthen listed first among his observations of the Latin-American mission work the "great achievements of missionary investments of missionary investments in this area where in Brazil alone there are more than 1,100 Baptist churches, a high percentage of which are self-supporting."

He said he was also impressed by the great open door for Baptist work in Latin America. "In some countries there is strong clerical opposition, as in Colombia," he added. "However, in most of the countries the determination of the people to maintain their own freedom causes them to resist ecclesiastical control and makes them open to the Christian witness. This is notably true in Brazil."

Dr. Cauthen said that in some

countries, as in Uruguay, clericalism is not the problem. There the people have simply turned away from religion with its clerical representation and are frankly agnostic and even atheistic.

"The basic problems in the countries of Latin America have their roots in spiritual darkness," he said. "A country like Paraguay can never be made into the kind of country it ought to be until there is a transformation of life and character as it is produced by a knowledge of Christ."

The missions secretary pointed out that Southern Baptists have established only beachheads in some of the strategic countries of South America. Peru, with 9,000,000 people and only two Southern Baptist couples, has limitless opportunities, he said. The work in Venezuela, where there are three missionary couples, and in Ecuador, where there are three couples and one other woman, is in great need of expansion.

Dr. Cauthen was extremely pleased with the preparation being made in Latin America for far-reaching advance through its international seminaries. One of these seminaries, located in Buenos Aires, has adequate buildings and facilities to take care of the training of minister on a high level. Strong efforts are being made in Colombia toward the establishment of an international seminary serving the northern end of Latin America. Seminaries in Rio and Recife, Brazil, have already achieved outstanding accomplishments in theological education.

"It is urgent that we give these areas the gospel now," Dr. Cauthen continued. "It would be a mistake to suppose that Latin America is immune from Communism because Catholicism is widespread there. The truth is that many people are only nominally Catholic and great numbers of people are not even nominally identified with any religion.

"Another fact is that many of the phases of clericalism have provided the soil out of which Communism could spring. The recent effort in Guatemala gave indication that the Communists regard Latin America as an area of penetration.

"To safeguard Latin America from Communism the Bible must be in the hands of the people. Faith in Christ must be vital and personal. Religion must not be a matter of ritual and obedience to ecclesiastical forms. There must be such a consciousness of man's relationship to God by personal faith that the roots of democracy will be deepened.

"Many years ago the desire of the people for liberty led them to break the fetters of clericalism which bound them. The freedom so attained can be preserved only as the truth of the living Christ is made known in the hearts of the people.

"In thinking about Latin America we recall the words of Jesus: 'When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and find-

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eth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.'

"Latin America, through struggle, has attained political liberty. The house has been cleansed from some of the things that defile; but unless the gospel of Christ comes in, the powers of Communism may come in and the countries of that area could be worse than before."

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